

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 19, 2008. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The present application was filed with 48 claims. Claims 11-16, 20, 24, 35-48 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claim 17 is canceled herein without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 1-10, 18-19, 21-23, and 25-34 are pending in this application.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth in these remarks.

1. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 112 – Claims 1-10 and 25 – 34

Claims 1-10 and 25-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite. Claims 1 and 25, and by dependency Claims 2-10 and 26-34, are amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

2. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 103 – Claim 17

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pickup et al. (US 2003/0050984) in view of Bennett (US 2002/0194379). Claim 17 is canceled herein without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner does not believe that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner to clarify certain issues raised by the Examiner before the Examiner issues another Office Action.

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